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TO : Executive
Thru: Deputy Executive *104*
FROM : Personnel Director

DATE: 3 November 1950

ARMY Declass/Release Instructions On File**SUBJECT:** Status of Army Reserve Personnel

1. In order to clarify the misunderstandings between this Agency and the Army on the above subject, I had a full discussion of the overall problem with Major General Byers, Director of Personnel, U. S. A.

2. General Byers was fully cognizant of the problem with which we are faced and had complete understanding of our desires to take care of the employees whom we are interested in on a career basis. It was his statement that if he could make a personal determination, authority would be granted for increasing our T/D. However, he presented me with two directives, one being from Chairman Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee and the other being from General Marshall. These memoranda stated that any reserve officers not available for immediate recall to active duty would be terminated from the reserves. General Byers stated that because of our unique position in the government hierarchy, he had discussed this particular Agency with General Collins and Frank Pace. No deviation from the announced policy will be made by the Army.

3. General Byers stated that within the next two weeks we would receive a letter dissolving the CIA Reserve Unit. After discussing all possible aspects of such a decision, General Byers reiterated his statement concerning his personal views. However, he did say that if specific individuals in CIA wanted to retain their active reserve status, they would be able to sign up with another reserve unit in Washington. In order to do this however, it will be necessary for this Agency to indicate in writing that the individual is available for active duty when called. General Byers also stated that whenever he could be of any assistance to this Agency in any other regard, his cooperation would be immediately forthcoming.

4. Although this particular decision does indicate some hardship on a segment of our employees, I believe that the approach by General Byers is the only one which can be taken without direct discussion with General Marshall. With the possibility of our employees joining other units if they possess an availability statement, the determination of an individual's essentiality rests with us. It is my recommendation that the individual cases be handled in this manner rather than General Smith approaching the Secretary of Defense.

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Here is some recent data which may have bearing on latest OPC memo on a civilian personnel reserve program. DPA informed me that DCI does not plan to make an issue.